



Attorney's Docket No. HTC-003

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

The residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR SURGICALLY JOINING A VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM OF A LIVING SUBJECT USING A PIERCING INTRODUCER ASSEMBLY", the Specification of which:

_____ is attached hereto; or
XXXX was filed on Feb. 25, 2004 as United States Application
Serial No. 10/786,413; and
_____ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application
No. _____.

I hereby state that I have received and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specially referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 35 U.S.C. 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable.

____ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sections 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority claimed

.....NONE.....
(Number) (Country) (Day/month/year/filed) Yes No

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____ I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of the United States Provisional Patent Application(s) listed below:

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XXXX I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined 37 C.F.R. 156 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/748,036 filed December 29, 2003, now pending; which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/713,589 filed November 15, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,669,708 issued December 30, 2003.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and, in addition, to act as Agent on my behalf before the competent International Authorities and before the National Authorities for any designated countries in connection with any and all international applications filed or to be filed by the undersigned.

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